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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

We are a retired couple who need to live on a budget and I do all I can to find the most competitive prices for services in our home. For so many years we contracted with bundled services so that it would suit our economic situation. We finally "cut the cord" a couple of months ago and decided to switch providers so that we could save \$100 a month on our TV and internet services. That is why I choose Sonic as our internet provider....because they offered fiber optic at a very reasonable price, they were very responsive and gave us good service.

We've only had Sonic for the last couple of months and have been pleased, so I was very dismayed to read that "AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to TAKE AWAY ACCESS TO CRITICAL UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS." Please, please, please do not do this. Retired folks like us, people on a very fixed income rely on services that will help us maintain our monthly budget and if you take that from us, then we are forced to do without. Let's make this about servicing people and families, not about the almighty dollar.

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